1	PROVISIONAL BALLOT AMENDMENTS
2	2003 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
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5	This act modifies the Election Code by changing the requirements for preparing, voting,
6	counting, and otherwise administering provisional ballots. The act also requires county
7	clerks to implement a system to inform voters who have cast a provisional ballot whether
8	or not their vote was counted. This act provides an effective date.
9	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
10	AMENDS:
11	20A-2-102, as enacted by Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 1993
12	20A-2-307, as last amended by Chapter 177, Laws of Utah 2002
13	20A-3-105.5, as enacted by Chapter 177, Laws of Utah 2002
14	20A-4-107 , as enacted by Chapter 177, Laws of Utah 2002
15	20A-6-105 , as enacted by Chapter 177, Laws of Utah 2002
16	ENACTS:
17	20A-6-105.5 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
18	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
19	Section 1. Section 20A-2-102 is amended to read:
20	20A-2-102. Registration a prerequisite to voting.
21	[A] (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a person may not vote at any election
22	unless that person is registered to vote as required by this chapter.
23	(2) A person may vote a provisional ballot as provided in Section 20A-2-307 for:
24	(a) a regular general election;
25	(b) a regular primary election; or
26	(c) an election for federal office.
27	Section 2. Section 20A 2 207 is amounted to made



28	20A-2-307. County clerks' instructions to election judges.
29	(1) Each county clerk shall instruct election judges to allow a voter to vote a regular
30	ballot if:
31	(a) the voter has moved from one address within a voting precinct to another address
32	within the same voting precinct; and
33	(b) the voter affirms the change of address orally or in writing before the election
34	judges.
35	(2) Each county clerk shall instruct election judges to allow a person to vote a
36	provisional ballot if:
37	[(a) the voter is registered to vote in another voting precinct but has changed residence
38	to the election judge's voting precinct and has not registered to vote in that voting precinct;
39	and]
40	[(b) the election judge's voting precinct is in the same county and congressional district
41	as the voter's previous voting precinct.]
42	(a) the voter's name does not appear on the official register; or
43	(b) the voter is challenged as provided in Section 20A-3-202.
44	Section 3. Section 20A-3-105.5 is amended to read:
45	20A-3-105.5. Manner of voting Provisional ballot.
46	(1) As used in this section:
47	(a) "Proof of identity" means some form of photo identification, such as a driver
48	license or identification card, that establishes a person's identity.
49	(b) "Proof of residence" means some official document or form, such as a driver
50	license or utility bill that establishes a person's residence.
51	(2) The election judges shall follow the procedures and requirements of this section
52	when:
53	(a) the person's right to vote is challenged as provided in Section 20A-3-202; or
54	(b) the person's name is not found on the official register.
55	(3) When faced with one of the circumstances outlined in Subsection (2), the election
56	judge shall:
57	(a) request that the person provide proof of identity and proof of [residency] residence;
58	and

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59	(b) review the proof of identity and proof of [residency] residence provided by the			
60	person.			
61	(4) If the election judge is satisfied that the person has established their identity and			
62	their residence in the voting precinct:			
63	(a) the election judge in charge of the official register shall:			
64	(i) record in the official register the type of source documents that established the			
65	person's proof of identity and proof of [residency] residence;			
66	(ii) write the provisional ballot envelope number opposite the name of the voter in the			
67	official register; and			
68	(iii) direct the voter to sign his name in the election column in the official register;			
69	(b) another judge shall list the ballot number and voter's name in the pollbook; and			
70	(c) the election judge having charge of the ballots shall:			
71	(i) endorse his initials on the stub;			
72	(ii) check the name of the voter on the pollbook list with the number of the stub;			
73	(iii) give the voter a ballot and a provisional ballot envelope; and			
74	(iv) allow the voter to enter the voting booth.			
75	(5) If the election judge is not satisfied that the voter has provided sufficient proof of			
76	identity and proof of residence:			
77	(a) the election judge in charge of the official register shall:			
78	(i) record in the official register that the voter did not provide adequate proof of			
79	identity and proof of residence;			
80	(ii) write the provisional ballot envelope number opposite the name of the voter in the			
81	official register; and			
82	(iii) direct the voter to sign his name in the election column in the official register;			
83	(b) another judge shall list the ballot number and voter's name in the pollbook; and			
84	(c) the election judge having charge of the ballots shall:			
85	(i) endorse his initials on the stub;			
86	(ii) check the name of the voter on the pollbook list with the number of the stub;			
87	(iii) give the voter a ballot and a provisional ballot envelope; and			
88	(iv) allow the voter to enter the voting booth.			
89	[(5)] (6) Whenever the election officer is required to furnish more than one kind of			

90	official ballot to a voting precinct, the election judges of that voting precinct shall give the
91	registered voter the kind of ballot that the voter is qualified to vote.
92	Section 4. Section 20A-4-107 is amended to read:
93	20A-4-107. Review and disposition of provisional ballot envelopes.
94	(1) As used in this section, a voter is "legally entitled to vote" if:
95	(a) the voter:
96	(i) is registered to vote in the county:
97	(ii) resides within the voting precinct where the voter seeks to vote; and
98	(iii) provided sufficient proof of identity and proof of residence to the election judge as
99	indicated by a notation in the official register;
100	(b) the voter:
101	(i) is registered to vote in the county; and
102	(ii) did not vote in the voter's precinct of residence, but the ballot that the voter voted is
103	identical to the ballot voted in the voter's precinct of residence; or
104	(c) the voter:
105	(i) is registered to vote in the county;
106	(ii) the judge recorded in the official register that the voter either failed to provide
107	proof of identity and proof of residence or the proof of identity and proof of residence was
108	inadequate; and
109	(iii) the county clerk verifies the voter's proof of identity and proof of residence
110	through some other means.
111	[(1)] (2) (a) Upon receipt of provisional ballot envelopes, the election officer shall
112	review the affirmation on the face of each provisional ballot envelope and determine if the
113	person signing the affirmation is a registered voter and legally entitled to vote the ballot that the
114	voter voted.
115	(b) If the election officer determines that the person is not a registered voter or is not
116	legally entitled to vote the ballot that the voter voted, the election officer shall retain the ballot
117	envelope, unopened, for the period specified in Section 20A-4-202 unless ordered by a court to
118	produce or count it.
119	(c) If the election officer determines that the person is a registered voter and is legally
120	entitled to vote the ballot that the voter voted, the election officer shall remove the ballot from

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121	the provisional ballot envelope and place the ballot with the absentee ballots to be counted with				
122	those ballots at the canvass.				
123	(d) The election officer may not count, or allow to be counted a provisional ballot				
124	unless the voter's proof of identity and proof of residence is established by a preponderance of				
125	the evidence.				
126	$[\frac{(2)}{2}]$ If the election officer determines that the person is a registered voter, the				
127	election officer shall ensure that the voter registration records are updated to reflect the				
128	information provided on the provisional ballot envelope.				
129	(4) If the election officer determines that the person is not a registered voter and the				
130	information on the provisional ballot envelope is complete, the election officer shall:				
131	(a) consider the provisional ballot envelope a voter registration form; and				
132	(b) register the voter.				
133	Section 5. Section 20A-6-105 is amended to read:				
134	20A-6-105. Provisional ballot envelopes.				
135	(1) Each election officer shall ensure that provisional ballot envelopes are printed in				
136	substantially the following form:				
137	"AFFIRMATION				
138	Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No				
139	Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No				
140	If you checked "no" in response to either of the two above questions, do not complete this				
141	<u>form.</u>				
142	Name of Voter				
143	First Middle Last				
144	Driver License or Identification Card Number				
145	State of Issuance of Driver License of Identification Card Number				
146					
147	Date of Birth				
148 149	Street Address of Principal Place of Residence				
150	City County State Zip Code				
151	Telephone Number (optional)				

Last four digi	s of Social Sec	curity Number	er ((optional))		
Place of Birth					
Last former a	ddress at which	I was regist	ered to vote (if	known)	
City		County		State	Zip Code
Voting Precin	ct (if known)				
I, (please prin	t your full nam	e)		do sole	emnly swear or
affirm:					
1. that I am c	urrently registe	red to vote i	ı		_, County, Utah;
that I have not moved	out of the cou	nty since the	date of the ori	ginal registrat	ion; that I have
not voted in this elect	ion in any othe	er precinct; a	nd that I reques	st that I be per	mitted to vote in
this election in this pr	recinct;				
2. that on or	ıbout		(Date), I con	mpleted a vote	er registration
application at			(please ind	icate the offic	e at which you
completed the voter r	egistration app	lication, for	example, Huma	an Services, D	Oriver License,
etc., or, if you filled o	ut a mail-in re	gistration for	m, please indic	cate.);	
3. that I have	previously reg	istered to vo	e in	,	County, Utah; that
I have not resided outside of that county since completing that registration; and that I am			nd that I am		
entitled to vote today	and				
4. subject to	enalty of law	for false state	ements, that the	information	contained in this
form is true, and that	I am a citizen o	of the United	States and a re	esident of Uta	h, residing at the
above address; and th	at I am at least	18 years old	and have resid	led in Utah fo	r the 30 days
immediately before th	nis election.				
Signed					
Dated					
(2) The provi	sional ballot er	velope shall	include:		
(a) a unique i		- 1			

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183	(b) a detachable part that includes the unique number; and
184	(c) a telephone number, internet address, or other indicator of a means, in accordance
185	with Section 20A-6-105.5, where the voter can find out if the provisional ballot was counted.
186	Section 6. Section 20A-6-105.5 is enacted to read:
187	20A-6-105.5. Voter access to provisional ballot information.
188	Each county clerk shall implement, through an internet website, toll-free telephone
189	number, or other means, a system where an individual who voted a provisional ballot may, free
190	of charge, determine if the voter's vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the
191	reason the vote was not counted.
192	Section 7. Effective date.
193	This act takes effect on May 5, 2003, except that Sections 20A-6-105 and 20A-6-105.5
194	take effect on May 1, 2004.

Legislative Review Note as of 1-22-03 2:20 PM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact

This bill is intended to comply with federal mandates. It is estimated that provisions of this bill can be implemented with existing resources. Counties may incur costs to conform to the mandates. It is anticipated that federal funds will become available and will be passed through to the counties. No State funding is required to implement provisions of this bill.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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